Plans to Boost Inland Waterways System

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Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANS PORT bo pleaded to state what are is to give a boost to the inland water-; and coastline shipping?-

4E MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT *SHRI* RAJESH PILOT)'; A total o of Rs. 225. 73 crores furs been earmarked the" development of inland water trans-roil in the Seventh Five-Year Plan of which Rs. 155. 00 crores. is in the Central tor and Rs. 70. 73 crores is in the Plan of the States and Union Territories, The Central Schemes mainly include investment in Central Inland Water Transport Cor-- poration for acquisition of additional fleet and modernisation of its Rajabagan Dockyard, lesearch and developmental schemes. development of National Waterways, hy-drographic surveys of important waterways, acquisition of survey Iaunche^ and equipments, grant of interest subsidy to IWT entrepreneurs, provision of terminal facilities, technical studies, navigational aids and dredging of waterways etc.

In the State Sector provision has been made for improvement of waterways to make Hthem useful for inland navigation.

For development. maintenance anti management of th. > National Waterways, an Inlanj Waterways Authority of lndia has also, 'been set up. This Authority will also act as a. Research and Development t Agency for Shipping and Navigation on inland waterways.

As regards coastline shipping, coordination of coastal operation, modernisation of coastal fleet, improvement of port facilities, rationalisation, of ffustom and port procedure 'or fhationTevision of freight rates ete. are some of the steps being taken to develop coastal shipping. Besides, specific proposals to start cargo-passenger service on certain, routes; also been suggested by some shii companies.

Phasing out of old Telecommunication; Switching system

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of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state;

the time by when Government pro* e to pTiase out the old telecom techno-• in the strowger and cross-bar _ switch -;: the country;

(b) by when lndia is likely to manufacture totally indigenous digital switch-iii^ system; and

I what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV); (a) Switching equipment is usually replaced after it has served its use/ul life or it is totally worn out. As a consequence full phasing out of the-strowger equipment will occur sometime after the year 2000. In respect of crossbar equipment, it is likely to be in production even in 90's and, therefore, phasing out of this equipment from the network will be much later.

(b) and (c) While indigenously designed small sized digital rural automatic "exchanges are expected to be productionised in 1987-88, the larger sized eq, uipme, nt is still under development.

Schools at Vasant Vihar, New Delhi

246. SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state;

a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to open a Primaiy/Secondary School at Vasant Vihar Government'Colony, New Delhi where al-lotment of Government accommodation has been made recently;

i b) whether'Government have received any representations 'from the allottees) rtmerits. in this regard; and